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United States Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2012, totaled 97.8 million head, 2 percent below the 100.0 million on July 1, 2011. This is the lowest all cattle and calves inventory for July 1 since the series began in 1973.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.7 million, were down 2 percent from July 1, 2011.

- Beef cows, at 30.5 million, were down 3 percent from July 1, 2011.
- Milk cows, at 9.2 million, unchanged from July 1, 2011.

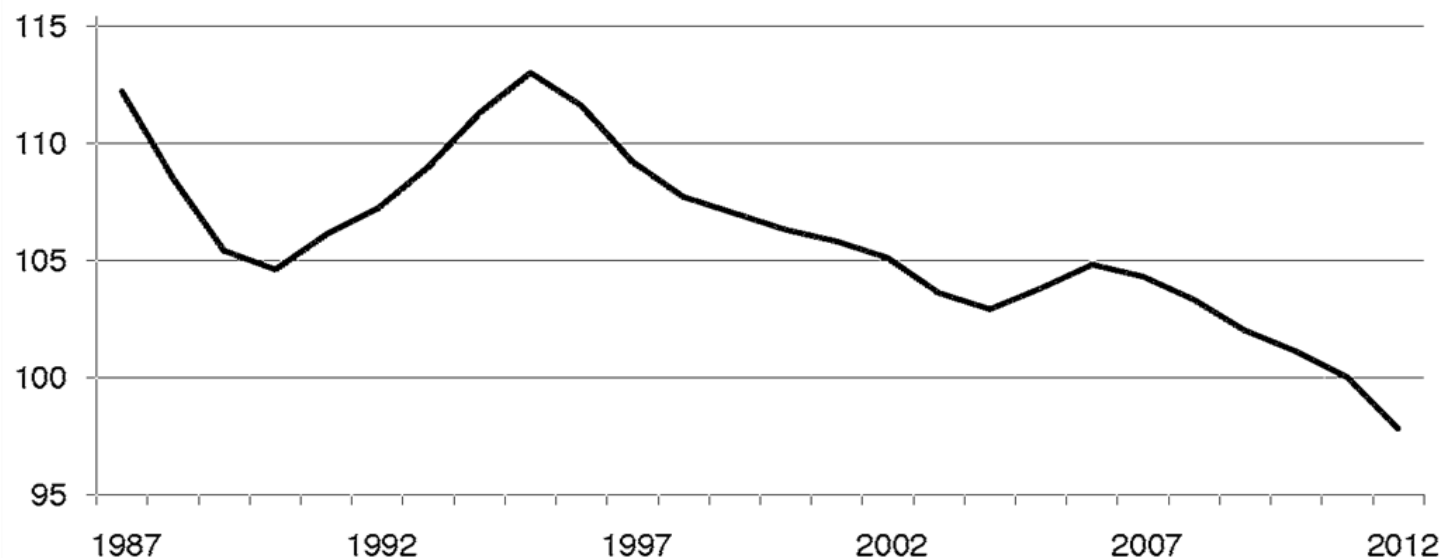
Other class estimates on July 1, 2012 and the changes from July 1, 2011, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 15.7 million, down 2 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 4.2 million, unchanged.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.1 million, down 2 percent.
- Other heifers, 7.4 million, down 3 percent.
- Steers, weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.0 million, down 1 percent.
- Bulls, weighing 500 pounds and over, 1.9 million, down 5 percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 26.5 million, down 3 percent.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.3 million, up 1 percent.

The 2012 calf crop is expected to be 34.5 million, down 2 percent from 2011. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.1 million, down 2 percent from 2011.

Cattle Inventory – United States: July 1

Million head



July Weather Summary

Warm weather dominated the Northern part of the State. Scattered thunderstorms were common throughout the State and brought some rain. Northern Nevada weather stations recorded monthly average temperatures 0.8 to 4 degrees above normal. Only two stations, Tonopah and Las Vegas, were below normal. Las Vegas recorded the high of 114 degrees. Most locations recorded highs in the 100's. Ely had the lowest temperature of the month at 41 degrees. Thunderstorms and precipitation were scattered. Tonopah recorded the most precipitation with 1.54 inches. Ely was a close second with 1.17 inches. Pasture and range conditions continued to deteriorate and are mostly in poor condition. Hay producers started the second cutting. Range livestock were foraging seasonal pastures and ranges. The main farm and ranch activities were irrigating, haying, weed and insect control, and equipment maintenance.

Weather data for stations in Nevada: July 2012

Station	Temperature (°F)				Precipitation (inches)		
	Monthly Avg.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	Monthly Total	Departure from Normal	Greatest 24 Hour
Reno	77.7	2.8	103	55	0.02	-0.16	0.02
Elko	74.2	4.0	102	47	0.55	0.18	0.46
Ely	68.6	0.8	98	41	1.17	0.53	0.64
Winnemucca	74.3	1.8	103	44	0.03	-0.22	0.03
Eureka	71.8	2.6	102	44	0.35	-0.28	0.13
Tonopah	74.2	-0.5	101	50	1.54	1.09	1.00
Las Vegas	91.5	-1.0	114	71	0.17	-0.23	0.08

Hay Prices

Nevada: The all hay price, at \$208.00 per ton, is down \$5.00 from June and up \$13.00 from last July. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$209.00 per ton, down \$6.00 from June and up \$11.00 from a year ago. All other hay, at \$163.00 per ton, is down \$9.00 from June and up \$7.00 from a year ago.

United States: The all hay price, at \$184 per ton, is up \$1.00 from June and up \$14.00 from last July. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$198.00 per ton, down \$3.00 from June. All other hay at \$143.00 per ton, is up \$10.00 from last month.

Hay Prices Received by Type measured in \$ per Ton – Select States and United States: July 2012

State	All Hay			Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay ¹		
	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012
Arizona	226.00	240.00	225.00	230.00	245.00	230.00	170.00	195.00	190.00
California	223.00	204.00	197.00	237.00	211.00	201.00	164.00	174.00	180.00
Idaho	220.00	187.00	179.00	223.00	190.00	180.00	162.00	120.00	150.00
Nevada	195.00	213.00	208.00	198.00	215.00	209.00	156.00	172.00	163.00
Oregon	236.00	204.00	195.00	226.00	224.00	217.00	258.00	183.00	175.00
Utah	196.00	196.00	196.00	200.00	198.00	200.00	155.00	158.00	160.00
United States	170.00	183.00	184.00	189.00	201.00	198.00	119.00	133.00	143.00

Quarterly Milk Production

Nevada: Milk production in Nevada for the quarter totaled 168 million pounds, a decrease of 1.2 percent from April – June last year. The average number of milks cows on farms in Nevada remained unchanged from last quarter at 29,000 head.

United States: Milk production in the United States during the April - June quarter totaled 51.5 billion pounds, up 2.0 percent from the April - June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.26 million head, 66,000 head more than the same period last year.

2011 United States Total Farm Production Expenditure Highlights

Farm Production Expenditures in the United States is estimated at \$318.7 billion for 2011, up from \$289.1 billion in 2010. The 2011 Total expenditures rose 10.2 percent compared with 2010 Total expenditures. All expenditure items except Interest and Labor increased from the previous year.

Total fuel expense is \$15.3 billion. Diesel, the largest sub-component, is \$10.1 billion, accounting for 65.9 percent. Diesel expenditures are up 23.7 percent from the previous year. Gasoline is \$2.8 billion, up 9.4 percent. LP gas is \$1.6 billion, up 8.8 percent. Other fuel is \$820.0 million, up 13.9 percent.

The four largest expenditures at the United States level totaled \$147.1 billion and accounted for 46.1 percent of Total expenditures in 2011. They are: Feed, 17.1 percent, Farm services, 11.6 percent, Livestock, poultry and related expenses, 9.0 percent, and Labor, 8.4 percent.

In 2011, the United States Total farm expenditure average per farm is \$146,653 compared with \$131,821 in 2010, an increase of 11.3 percent. On average, United States farm operations spent \$25,129 on Feed, \$17,075 on Farm services, \$13,163 on Livestock, poultry and related expenses, and \$12,334 on Labor. For 2010, United States farms spent an average of \$20,705 on Feed, \$16,281 on Farm services, \$11,128 on Livestock, poultry and related expenses, and \$12,450 on Labor.

The top three average expenses per farm with the largest dollar increase are: Feed, up \$4,424 or 21.4 percent, Livestock, poultry and related expenses, up \$2,035, or 18.3 percent, and Fertilizer, lime and soil conditioners, up \$1,975, or 20.6 percent.

The United States Economic Sales Class contributing most to the 2011 United States Total expenditures is the \$1,000,000 - \$4,999,999 class, with expenses of \$91.5 billion, 28.7 percent of the United States total, up 14.2 percent from the 2010 level of \$80.1 billion. It is followed by the \$5,000,000 and Over class with \$58.4 billion, up from \$51.3 billion in 2010.

In 2011, Crop farms expenditures increased to \$170.2 billion, up 7.4 percent while Livestock farms expenditures increased to \$148.5 billion, up 13.7 percent. The largest expenditures for Crop farms is: Rent at \$22.1 billion, (13.0 percent), Fertilizer, lime and soil conditioners at \$21.7 billion, (12.7 percent), and Farm services at \$21.6 billion, (12.7 percent). Combined crop inputs (chemicals, fertilizers, and seeds) are \$48.2 billion, accounting for 28.3 percent of Crop farms total expenses. The largest expenditures for Livestock farms are: Feed at \$51.2 billion, (34.5 percent), Livestock, poultry and related expenses, at \$25.6 billion, (17.2 percent), and Farm services at \$15.5 billion, (10.4 percent), together accounting for 62.2 percent of Livestock farms Total expenses. The average Total expenditure for a Crop farm is \$183,829 compared to \$119,058 per Livestock farm.

The Midwest region contributed the most to United States Total expenditures with expenses of \$98.7 billion (31.0 percent), up from \$87.7 billion in 2010. The other regions ranked by Total expenditures are: Plains at \$73.8 billion (23.2 percent), West at \$68.9 billion (21.6 percent), Atlantic at \$39.1 billion (12.3 percent), and South at \$38.2 billion (12.0 percent).

The sum of Total expenditures for the 15 Estimate States is \$205.8 billion in 2011 (64.6 percent of the United States Total expenditures) and \$188.1 billion in 2010 (65.1 percent). California contributed most to the 2011 United States Total expenditures, with expenses of \$31.2 billion, (9.8 percent). California expenditures are up 3.2 percent from the 2010 estimate of \$30.2 billion. Iowa, the next leading state, has \$24.2 billion in expenses, (7.6 percent). Other states with more than \$15 billion in Total Expenditures are: Texas with \$22.7 billion, Nebraska with \$17.3 billion, Illinois with \$17.0 billion, and Minnesota with \$15.5 billion.

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Pasture and Range Condition, Percent Rating Good or Better Week Ending July 29, 2012

